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To whom it may concern:

I hope the government will see that because of Microsoft many companies are not around to offer input to this case, they were either bought or run out of business by the unethical business practices of Microsoft. It seems the pages of history that stuck with Mr Gaits were the antitrust laws, he seems to have used all of the things that required these laws to bring his company to where it is. Please send a message that smaller companies can exist without the fear of being put out of business by the likes of the Microsoft.

It is difficult to say how the "business" practices of Microsoft have changed the course of software and personal computers as we cannot turn the clock back and find the innovation that may have been lost. Microsoft is not about innovation, only control, power, and money. The products that Microsoft has, were bought - not created. If you control the standard, there is no reason to progress. The major changes in there products have been in the area of controlling software theft, infringement on the privacy of the consumer that uses their products and promoting there own interest. (Such as blocking the products of other companies by controlling the OS to their own advantage).

I would also like to offer this comment I overheard at a computer trade show. An attendee commented on the T-shirts that the Microsoft employees were wearing at the show saying "those look just like the shirts worn by ??? company at the last show", the reply by the Microsoft employee was "We are Microsoft, we will steal anything." I include this as a comment on the mindset of Microsoft.

Netscape is still active, but as a part of a larger company, not the small innovative company that woke the wrath of the giant. They had a plan to be in business, to make money. They didn't have the means to compete with the bank account of Microsoft.

Please send a message, and please don't let Microsoft choose how to compensate for its crime.

Thank you

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